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SUBJ: CIVAIR FRENCH AIRBUS DEMO TEAM TO VISIT KUWAIT

1. US BUSINESSMAN TOLD EMBOFF WHILE LUNCHING WITH KUWAIT AIRPORT DIRECTOR, DAUD AL-BADER, AND TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF AIRBUS INDUSTRIE, HE WAS TOLD AIRBUS DEMO TEAM OF 50 WOULD BE BRINGING IN AIRBUS ON MAY 10 FOR SEVERAL DAYS OF DEMONSTRATIONS AND TALKS WITH KAC AND CIVIL AIR OFFICIALS. BUSINESSMAN SAID PLANE WOULD BE LOADED WITH "INSTRUMENTATION" AND WOULD BE ABLE TO SEAT ONLY 120 RATHER THAN ITS NORMAL LOAD. HE WAS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT AL-BADER, WHO MAINTAINS A BUSINESS ON THE SIDE, WOULD BE WORKING WITH AIRBUS INDUSTRIE IN TRYING TO SELL THIS PLANE TO KUWAIT AIRLINES.

2. COMMENT: OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT AIRBUS TOO RANGE LIMITED IN COMPARISON DC-10 AND BOEING 747 TO SATISFY KAC WIDE-BODY REQUIREMENTS BUT FRENCH CAN BE EXPECTED PUSH HARD.  
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